MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I wish to know when the work was commenced?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Last year.

Revision of the Educational Policy.

151. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that the nature of education imparted at present in the State is primarily responsible for the increasing seriousness of the problem of unemployment among the educated classes?

(*b*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state whether they are prepared to appoint a committee to revise their educational system with a view to solve the problem?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government are considering the whole question.

MR. S PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to answer to part (*a*), may I read my question? My question is:

> "Are the Government *aware* that the nature of education imparted at present in the State is primarily responsible for the increasing seriousness of the problem of unemployment among the educated classes".

Government say that Government are considering the whole question. Am I to understand that the Government are considering the question of replying me whether they are aware of it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The whole question is under consideration.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): My question is whether Government are aware or not aware?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The information given by the member is noted and it will also be considered when examining the general question.

Financial Secretary's Statements in regard to Trade Depression.

152. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry South*): With reference to the answer given to me by the Financial Secretary during the Budget session of 1100, *viz*,. "that there was depression of trade is a statement that the Member makes. I have no positive information as to that" (P. 213, No. 4, Vol. VII), will the Government be pleased to state whether the following statements "I do not deny the fact that there is still trade depression..... The trade boom which followed on the Armistice was succeeded by a period of acute trade depression and the collapse of several business concerns (P. 19, No. 1, Vol. III), "the disturbance to trade and production will also affect our receipts under all the other main heads of Revenue" (P. 49, No. 2, Vol. V), and "This was due to the dislocation of trade and business" (P. 25, No. 2, Vol. VII), made by the Financial Secretary in 1098, 1099 and 1100 respectively, before the Legislative Council, are given on "positive information" or not?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): There is no contradiction in the Financial Secretary's statements referred to by the member.

The first statement, *viz.*, "I do not deny the fact that there is still trade depression.....The trade boom which followed on the Armistice was succeeded by a period of acute trade depression and the collapse of several business concerns" was made in Karkatakam 1098, when presenting the budget of 1099. It dealt with the conditions prevailing up to the close of 1098. In the same paragraph of the speech, the following statement also occurs. "There seems, however, to have been a partial improvement of trade conditions this year" (*i. e.*, 1098).

The second statement, *viz.*, "The disturbance to trade and production will also affect our receipts under all the other main heads of revenue", occurs in the budget speech of 1099. It refers only to the effect of the floods of that year on trade. There is no reference in it to "Depression of Trade".

The third statement, *viz.*, "This was due to the dislocation of trade and business", occurs in the budget speech of 1100 in the passage dealing with the realised revenue of 1099. Here also the reference is to "Dislocation of trade and business on account of floods". By "Depression of trade" is meant that the general condition of trade, as a whole, is unsatisfactory. The expressions "Disturbance to trade" and "Dislocation of trade" mean that owing to certain specific causes there has been a temporary unsettlement in trade. Such dislocation may be temporary and may be confined to a particular area and it may occur even when trade is otherwise in a prosperous (not depressed) condition. When, in course of the general discussion of the budget of 1101, the Financial Secretary, in reply to the Member's question, stated that he had no positive information that there was depression of trade, he referred to the general condition of trade in the country as a whole.

Appointments made by Mr. R. Krishnaswami Aiyar.

153. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, caste by caste, of appointments, permanent, temporary and acting, made by Mr. R. Krishnaswami Aiyar, while acting as the Director of Public Instruction?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The statement* asked for by the Member is laid on the table.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Of the Christians, may I know whether there is any Catholic among them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That information has not been obtained.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know why the table was so arranged as not to give the number of Catholics?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That information has not been furnished. It will be called for.

Vide Appendix VII—page 503.

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